

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49
BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND INSTRUCTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
3 AND WELFARE TO INVESTIGATE THE CREATION OF A HOSPITAL DISCHARGE DATA-
4 BASE AND A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF HEALTHCARE DATA AND TO ESTABLISH AN
5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CREATE AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SUCH DATA.

6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 WHEREAS, the Health Quality Planning Commission (HQPC) was established
8 by the Idaho Legislature in 2006 to promote improved quality of care, health
9 outcomes, quality initiatives and patient safety in Idaho through invest-
10 ment in health information technology and other means; and

11 WHEREAS, over the past several years, the HQPC has examined a range of
12 health issues that affect Idahoans, but efforts have been hampered because
13 the data that is necessary to understand the scope and cost of these health
14 issues in Idaho is not available; and

15 WHEREAS, in order to establish a complete picture of Idahoans' expe-
16 riences with the health care system, Idaho and the HQPC need a statewide
17 healthcare database system for collecting and reporting healthcare data;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, according to the HQPC, a statewide healthcare database system
20 can be done without putting any additional reporting burden on providers as
21 the information is currently collected by providers and reported to payers,
22 and payers would assume primary responsibility for the data reporting; and

23 WHEREAS, the HQPC states that a statewide healthcare database system
24 would be developed in two simultaneous phases. Phase one would estab-
25 lish a hospital discharge database, and phase two would create a system of
26 healthcare data including inpatient, outpatient and other care services,
27 including information on care quality and cost; and

28 WHEREAS, the HQPC believes that collecting and distributing such com-
29 plete, uniform information would give policymakers the information they
30 need to make informed decisions and target investments for state dollars;
31 provide transparency of data in order to identify and make needed improve-
32 ments; provide the information necessary to assess quality improvement
33 initiatives at the community level; help the public understand provider per-
34 formance, clinical quality and patient safety standards; support provider
35 efforts to design targeted quality improvement initiatives at the community
36 level; and enable providers to compare their own performance with those of
37 their peers.

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
39 sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
40 the Senate concurring therein, that the Idaho Department of Health and Wel-
41 fare is instructed to investigate creating both a hospital discharge data-
42 base and a multifaceted system of healthcare data, including a distributed
43 model of healthcare data collection.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
2 shall establish an advisory committee that would create a phased develop-
3 ment and implementation plan and present the proposed plan for funding to the
4 Idaho Legislature within one year of the commission date. Such a plan would
5 include a recommendation about the framework needed for the data system, de-
6 scribe how it would be governed, estimate costs and propose options for fund-
7 ing.